

MARICOPA COUNTY
DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERLY REPORT

Third Quarter Report, FY 1999-2000
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Goals	Accomplishments/Comments
Contract Implementation And Administration	New contracts were implemented during this fiscal year. Administration of those contracts has required some minor adjustments, but is otherwise proceeding smoothly. Some multi-defendant cases have required extraordinary status designation. Current statistics indicate that assignments are on track with projections for the year, with contracted-for services fully utilized and some excess assignments.
Communication with Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attempts to eliminate situations where judicial officers appoint non-contract attorneys have been successful in large part to the cooperation of the Presiding Judge. Sole-source requests to Materials Management have sharply declined this quarter.
Request for Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A Request for Proposals from private-sector attorneys to assume some or all of the services currently the subject of contracts was issued by Materials Management. Responses are currently under review by the Contract Selection Committee.▪ Responses to a solicitation for applications for annual contracts will be reviewed in the next quarter.
Litigation Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dean Wolcott continues to represent OCAC on various petitions for compensation filed before trial courts by former contract attorneys seeking additional compensation on cases assigned under prior years' contracts or, as in the sexual predator cases, assigned without contract.. Results have been mixed.
FY 2000/01: a. staff model proposal b. contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation for a staff model, designated as the Office of Legal Advocacy, is underway, with target date for start-up of 7/1/2000. Recruiting of attorneys and support staff is proceeding.• Public Defender's Dependency/Severance unit is slated to become part of the Office of Legal Advocacy as of 7/1/2000.• Discussions underway for contract revisions to be implemented in FY2001, particularly investigators' contracts.